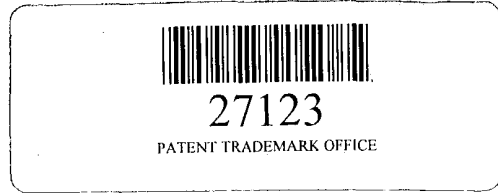


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For: SLIDING COMPONENT

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Enclosed are:

[X] 34 page(s) of specification, 1 page(s) of Abstract, 5 page(s) of claims

[X] 5 sheets of drawing [X] formal (Figures 1-6) [ ] informal

[X] 4 page(s) of Declaration and Power of Attorney

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- ☐ Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the combined declaration and power of attorney is supplied herein, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is incorporated herein by reference.
- ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ page(s) of Sequence Listing
  - ☐ computer readable disk containing Sequence Listing
  - ☐ Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f) that computer and paper copies of the Sequence Listing are the same
- ☒ Claim for Priority (Claim to Convention Priority) is made to Japanese Application No. 2002-183017, filed June 24, 2002 and No. 2003-091130, filed on March 28, 2003.
- ☒ A Certified copy of the Priority Document Nos. 2002-183017 and 2003-091130 is enclosed.
  - ☐ English translation documents
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
  - ☐ Copies of the cited references, including Form PTO-1449
  - ☐ Copy of PTO-1449 filed in parent application serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return receipt postcard (MPEP 503)
- ☐ Assignment Papers (assignment cover sheet and assignment documents)
  - ☐ The amount of \$ 40.00 for recording the Assignment is included in the check for the filing fee.
  - ☐ Assignment papers filed in parent application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Certification of chain of title pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).
- ☐ This is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part (C-I-P) of prior application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the parent application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
  - ☐ A preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this Amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.
- ☐ The status of the parent application is as follows:
  - ☐ A Petition For Extension of Time and a Fee therefor has been or is being filed in the parent application to extend the term for action in the parent application until \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time in the co-pending parent application is attached.

- ☐ No Petition For Extension of Time and Fee therefor are necessary in the co-pending parent application.
- ☐ Please abandon the parent application at a time while the parent application is pending or at a time when the petition for extension of time in that application is granted and while this application is pending has been granted a filing date, so as to make this application co-pending.
- ☐ Transfer the drawing(s) from the patent application to this application.
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
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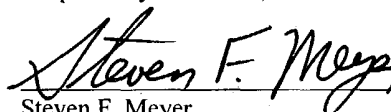
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- ☐ A statement claiming small entity status is attached or has been filed in the above-identified parent application and its benefit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a) is hereby claimed. Reduced fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(F) (50% of total) paid herewith \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ A check in the total amount of \$804.00 is attached in payment of the application filing fee.
- ☐ Charge Fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 13-4500. Order No. \_\_\_\_\_. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.
- ☒ The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for filing this application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 5095-4064. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

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3. Claim to Convention Priority;
4. Certified Priority Document 2002-183017 and 2003-091130;
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